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THE SEALED NECTAR
(ARABIA BEFORE ISLAM)

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-most of the Arabs had accepted the call of Ishmael and we can say he is the father of the Arabs.
-when Abraham went to Makkah he built the Kaaba with Ishmael and thought them how to worship Allah alone.

Some Yemenis came to Makkah and saw birds hovering over an area
-and so they found Hagar and her son there
-they asked to stay and she accepted with the condition that she takes control of the water

The footprints of Abraham is still in Makkah
-called the Maqam Ibrahim and we face this direction for Salah
-when it was suggested by Umar to the Prophet (ﷺ)

Ishmael and his father taught the Arabs monotheism
-so they took pride in monotheism and the Kaabah but unfortunately a man called Amr ibn Luhai went to Syria
-he found people worshiping idols there and was impressed

He suffered from an inferiority complex
-and brought back an idol the Hubal with him to Makkah and told them this is your lord so worship through him
-this was how the Arabs left monotheism and adopted paganism

There were other idols too called Lat, Uzza, Manat
-until the number reached 360 idols around the Kaabah

They found the idols lucrative
-because they used to make idols and people used to come and buy them
-from all over Arabian Peninsula, so it became a business for them
-and this happens even today, people use paganism as a business
-like the Hindus will send their idols or people building graves and charging them to make Tawaf

So historically paganism has always been lucrative
-and because of this a Muwahhid is a person who is upon tauheed

I will never want to be in the shoes of Amr ibn Luhai
-because he introduced paganism and people copied him

Narrated 'Abdullah: The Prophet ﷺ said, "None is killed unjustly, but the first son of Adam will have a part of its burden." Sufyan said, "...a part of its blood because he was the first to establish the tradition of murdering." (Sahih al-Bukhari, Volume 9, Book 92, Number 423)

Whenever you introduce something good
-and people act upon it, you will get the reward even in your grave
-and so is the case if you introduce an evil act

Nu'man ibn Bashir (RA) reported that the Prophet ﷺ said, "The supplication is itself worship." Then he recited. And your Lord says, "Call upon Me, and I shall answer you. Surely those who are too arrogant to worship Me, they shall enter Hell, disgraced." (40: 60) [Tirmidhi 3383, Abu Dawud 1474, Ibn e Majah 3828, Ahmed 18419]

How can you offer your dua to idols? when the rasul said the supplication is worship
-this we ask the Brelvis, they are pagans just like these pagans Arab before rasul (ﷺ)

Sajdah is also an act of worship
-so how can you make Sajdah to an idol?
-or to somebody else besides Allah

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "If I were to command anyone to prostrate before anyone, I would have commanded the wife to prostrate before her husband, because of the enormity of his right upon her."

[Sunan Abu Dawud (2/244) No. 2140, Sunan al-Darime (1/406) No. 1463, al-Sunan al-Kubra al-Nasa'i (8/253) No. 9102, Sunan Tirmidhi (3/465) No. 1159, Sunan Ibn Majah (3/59) No. 1853, Musnad Ahmad (5/227) No. 22037]

Slaughtering in the name of an idol is major shirk or somebody else besides Allah
-this meat is haraam meat you are not allowed to eat
-if you eat it then realise you should force yourself to vomit the meat
-the man who did the slaughtering is a kaafir
-and if you eat it knowing it was slaughtering like that you become a kaafir too

Eat not (O believers) of that (meat) on which Allah's Name has not been pronounced (at the time of the slaughtering of the animal), for sure it is Fisq (a sin and disobedience of Allah). And certainly, the Shayatin (devils) do inspire their friends (from mankind) to dispute with you, and if you obey them [by making Al Maytatah (a dead animal) legal by eating it], then you would indeed be Mushrikûn (polytheists) [because they (devils and their friends) made lawful to you to eat that which Allah has made unlawful to eat and you obeyed them by considering it lawful to eat, and by doing so you worshipped them, and to worship others besides Allah is polytheism]. (Al-An'am 6:121)

Forbidden to you (for food) are: Al-Maytatah (the dead animals - cattle-beast not slaughtered), blood, the flesh of swine, and the meat of that which has been slaughtered

as a sacrifice for others than Allah, or has been slaughtered for idols, etc., or on which Allah's Name has not been mentioned while slaughtering, and that which has been killed by strangling, or by a violent blow, or by a headlong fall, or by the goring of horns - and that which has been (partly) eaten by a wild animal - unless you are able to slaughter it (before its death) and that which is sacrificed (slaughtered) on An Nusub (stone altars). (Forbidden) also is to use arrows seeking luck or decision, (all) that is Fisqun (disobedience of Allah and sin). This day, those who disbelieved have given up all hope of your religion, so fear them not, but fear Me. This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion. But as for him who is forced by severe hunger, with no inclination to sin (such can eat these above-mentioned meats), then surely, Allah is Oft Forgiving, Most Merciful. (Al-Ma'idah 5:3)

These are some of the examples of pagan practices the Arabs used to do
-whenever they make slaughter they give it to idols
-the Brelvis and Soofis do the same today in the graves
The Prophet (ﷺ) said

Thawban reported that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "The Hour will not be established until a tribe from my Ummah joins the polytheists and until a tribe from my Ummah worship idols." [Sunan Tirmidhi (4/499) No. 2219, Sunan Abu Dawud (4/97) No. 4252, Sunan Ibn Majah (5/97) No. 3952 and Mustadrak al-Haakim (4/496) No. 8390]

-and when asked why they do so, they claim they met their fathers doing so
-they also practice khatam for the same reason
-so pagans speak the same tongue and they will try to use this as an argument on Judgement Day

Or lest you should say: "It was only our fathers afortime who took others as partners in worship along with Allah, and we were (merely their) descendants after them; will You then destroy us because of the deeds of men who practised Al-Batil (i.e. polytheism and committing crimes and sins, invoking and worshipping others besides Allah)?" (Tafsir At-Tabari). (Al-A'raf 7:173)

This is a weak argument
-because reverts who used to be Sikhs, Hindus did not say they are going to hang on to it
-because they met their parents doing so, so you have no excuse
-you will also be dumped in the hellfire for blind following a wicked scholar and you do not have an excuse as Allah (سبحانه وتعالىٰ) said:

When those who were followed, disown (declare themselves innocent of) those who followed (them), and they see the torment, then all their relations will be cut off from them. (Al-Baqarah 2:166)

-so do not follow your parents in hanging onto kufr or a wicked scholar and expect Allah to let you off
-Allah (سبحانه وتعالىٰ) said the worst of created things are:

Verily! The worst of (moving) living creatures with Allah are the deaf and the dumb, those who understand not (i.e. the disbelievers). (Al-Anfal 8:22)

-insane means Human beings but if you do not use your brain to think, you become a daabah
-why do sisters always ask me if I find a brother for them, is he educated?
-this maybe the 2nd question because the first will be what is his Aqeedah
-so for your brain to be in the hands of another person
-you have lost your status as a human being, you become the worst of beast

They claimed the idols would bring them closer to Allah
-the first pagans came in the time of Nuh (AS)
-Adam (AS) had pious children
-and when they died the Shaytan told them to build statues around them
-to remind them of Allah and later he asked them to keep them in their homes
-and then to keep them in work places for everybody to look at and be reminded
-then came famine and drought
-so Shaytan told them why not use them as a means to draw near to Allah سبحانه وتعالىٰ
-beg them to beg Allah سبحانه وتعالىٰ to send you rain this was how paganism was introduced to human beings in the era of Nuh

Ibn Abbaas said between Adam and Noah are ten generations and they were all upon Tauheed
-but the first people to worship idols came in the time of Noah

Ibn 'Abbaas (RA) said: "Between Nooh (Noah) and Adam were ten generations, all of them were upon Sharee'ah (law) of the truth, then they differed. So Allaah sent prophets as bringers of good news and as warners." [Related by Ibn Jareer at-Tabaree in his tafseer (4/275) and al-Haakim (2/546) who said: "It is authentic according to the criterion of al-Bukhari." Adh-Dhahabee also agreed]

So they thought the idols will draw them near to Allah سبحانه وتعالىٰ
-and the Brelvis also think Abdul Qadir Jilaani will draw them near to Allah سبحانه وتعالىٰ
-so they go to his grave and beg him for sons etc

The Arabs deviated from the teachings of Abraham
-they used to cast Azlam featherless arrows and used to have a deep conviction in soothsayers
-they used to approach them to uncover their lost properties
-and also to ask about their secret enemies
-they approached them also to tell them when to travel

The Arabs used to approach the idols too for such
-and they used to have an idol to protect them in travel etc
-the Brelvis Soofis also believe in these and use the excuse that they found their parents doing it
-on Judgement Day they will want to use this as an excuse

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Allah said:

And (remember) when your Lord brought forth from the Children of Adam, from their loins, their seed (or from Adam's loin his offspring) and made them testify as to themselves (saying): "Am I not your Lord?" They said: "Yes! We testify," lest you should say on the Day of Resurrection: "Verily, we have been unaware of this." (Al-A'raf 7:172)

-this ayah means you cannot use the excuse of ignorance on judgement day for major shirk

The Arabs were very superstitious
-they used to keep birds in cages and set them free when they want to travel
-so of it flies on the right they will say it is good to go
-but if it goes on the left they will say it is not good to travel
-this is omen and the prophet said it is shirk

Abdullah ibn Mas'ood (RA) reported that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Tiyarah (belief in evil omens) is shirk..." [Tirmidhi 1614, Abu Dawud 3910, Ahmed 4194, Ibn e Majah 3538]

Abdullah ibn 'Amr narrated the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "Whoever cancels one's intention to do something because of At-Tiyarah (an evil omen), that one has committed shirk." They said, "What is the kafaarah (expiation) for that?" He said, "To say:

اللَّهُمَّ لَا خَيْرَ إِلَّا خَيْرُكَ، وَلَا طَيْرَ إِلَّا طَيْرُكَ، وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ

Allaahumma la khayra illaa khayruka wa laa tayra illaa tayruka wa laa ilaaha ghayruka (O Allah, there is no good except Your good, no birds (omens) except from You, and there is no god beside You)." [Musnad Ahmad (2/220) No. 7045 and al-Tabarani in 'al-Mu'jam al-Kabir' (13/22) No. 38]

A country like USA believe in omens
-they do not have a 13th floor because 13 is a bad number
-Jesus had 12 disciples and plus him makes 13
-so do you want to say his Jama'a was an evil one? a bad lucky Jama'a
-you are not allowed to believe in omens

When they have a one-eye man as their first customer
-they said that was a bad luck and this was an omen too

The pagan Arabs were also deep into revenge
-if you kill their father they will kill you
-because they believe their dead soul will not rest until they take revenge for his blood
-and this was happening between Aws and Khazraj before the prophet migrated there
-and Islam eradicated this jahiliyya they had and so Allah سبحانه وتعالىٰ said;

And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah (i.e. this Qur'an), and be not divided among yourselves, and remember Allah's Favour on you, for you were enemies one to another but He joined your hearts together, so that, by His Grace, you became brethren (in Islamic Faith), and you were on the brink of a pit of Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus Allah makes His Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.,) clear to you, that you may be guided. (Aali Imran 3:103)

So this was the practice of the Arabs
-Aisha said the women used to do business (prostitution)
-these women used to hoist flags in their yards
-this was how the men used to know about them

A woman used to have many partners too and when she gets pregnant
-an expert will look at all the partners and identify the father of the baby
-and this was to be accepted, it was called an identification parade

Thy used to make tawaf with uniforms that were rented from Quraish
-and if you did not take enough money to rent the uniform, you would do tawaf naked
-and they used to clap while making tawaf

When animals dropped down and died they used to eat it
-and would tell the Muslims come and eat it because it was Allah سبحانه وتعالىٰ that killed it
-Allah سبحانه وتعالىٰ said;

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Alcohol, Zina, Riba, killing of baby girls, slavery were rife among them
-a powerful tribe would attack a weak one and kill and take slaves

-they used to kill girls because they said she is weak, she cannot help defend his tribe
-so they used to be happy when their wives give birth to boys

They used to think she will bring disgrace to the family name too
-that she would commit Zina at puberty
-so the women they used to pimp were those who had no families to disgrace
-not the noble women of Quraish

When Hind embraced Islam the prophet told her do not steal
-she said my husband Abu Sufyan is stingy so can I take money
-he said take what is necessary for the house

Narrated By 'Aisha: Hind bint 'Utba said, "O Allah's Apostle! Abu Sufyan is a miser and he does not give me what is sufficient for me and my children. Can I take of his property without his knowledge?" The Prophet said, "Take what is sufficient for you and your children, and the amount should be just and reasonable. [Sahih Bukhari, Vol 7, Book 64, Hadith #277]

Then the Prophets told her do not kill and do not commit Zina
-she said 'is there a noble woman who commits Zina?'
-she could not understand how a free woman will commit Zina and disgrace her family name
-so the women who used to do business in Makkah, were not from Makkah and even though they were pagans they used to consider Zina as a taboo

They used to look after their guest because it was taught to them by Abraham

They used to pride in bravery and were accustomed to wars
-so it was easy for Aws and Khazraj to fight with the Prophet and they told him we will never speak to you like the Jews did to Musa command us and we will obey you and fight

Narrated By Abdullah (bin Masud): On the day of Badr, Al-Miqdad said, "O Allah's Apostle! We do not say to you as the children of Israel said to Moses, 'Go you and your Lord and fight you two; we are sitting here, (5.24) but (we say). "Proceed, and we are with you." That seemed to delight Allah's Apostle greatly. [Sahih Bukhari, Vol 6, Book 60, Hadith #133]

So it was easy for them to dispatch Quraish to the hellfire
-and so two young men killed Abu Jahl at the battle of Badr, they were just 15 years old
-they said we want to kill him because he was wicked to the prophet in Makkah and brought his head to the Prophet

They were experts in war and told the prophet themselves
-so the Prophet said the best of you in jahiliyya will become the best in Islam
-if you learn the Deen, the proper Aqeedah

Narrated By Abu Huraira: Some people asked the Prophet ﷺ: "Who is the most honourable amongst the people?" He replied, "The most honourable among them is the one who is the most Allah-fearing." They said, "O Allah's Prophet ﷺ! We do not ask about this." He said, "Then the most honourable person is Joseph, Allah's Prophet ﷺ, the son of Allah's Prophet ﷺ, the son of Allah's Prophet ﷺ, the son of Allah's Khalil." They said, "We do not ask about this." He said, "Then you want to ask me about the Arabs' descent?" They said, "Yes." He said, "Those who were best in the pre-Islamic period, are the best in Islam, if they comprehend (the religious knowledge)." [Sahih Bukhari, Vol 4, Book 55, Hadith 593]

Umar also said if you do not know jahiliyya you do not know Islam
-if you know jahiliyya then you will appreciate Islam

Umar ibn al-Khattab delivered a Khutbah to us and said: "By the Lord of the Kaba do you know when the Arabs will be destroyed?" A man got up and said: 'O Ameerul Mu'mineen! When will the Arabs be destroyed?' "The Arabs will be destroyed when they are ruled by a man who does not address the ills of Jahiliya and he was not a companion of the Rasool (ﷺ)." [Narrated by Ibn Abi Shaybah in 'Musannaf' (6/410), Ibn Sa'd in 'Tabaqat' (6/129), al-Hakim in 'Mustadrak' (4/475) Bayhaqi in 'Shu`ab al-Iman' (6/69), Abu Naim in 'al-Hilya' (7/243) and Ibn Kathir in 'al-Bidayah Wan-Nihayah' (11/650)]

Umar Ibn al-Khattab (RA) said: "A man who only knows goodness might see evil and he does not recognise that it is evil. And a man who grew up in Islam and does not know what Jahiliya is may lose his Islam bit by bit till he loses his Deen." [Ibn Taymiyyah, Majmua Al-Fataawa (10/301)]

-Honour killing was also rife among them
-They used to keep covenants also, would stick to it and because of that Allah chose them to carry Islam
-most of the Sahabah were Arabs although Bilal was from Ethiopia and Salman from Persia

Many of you read the hadith about Umar burying one of his girl children alive
-this is fabricated

The Arabs used to marry two sisters at the same time

-even though this is haraam
-they used to inherit their fathers wives too excluding their mother
-this is still done in Southern Sudan, the sons will cohabit with his dead father's wives
-but Allah سبحانه وتعالىٰ told us this is haraam, in Surah 4:22

And marry not women whom your fathers married, except what has already passed; indeed it was shameful and most hateful, and an evil way. (An-Nisa 4:22)

WHY DID ALLAH SAY EXCEPT WHAT HAS PASSED?
-this is because they used to practice it before Islam
-Allah سبحانه وتعالىٰ said it is an abomination

One day a man was travelling with the prophet's flag
-and he said he was sent by rasul to kill a man because he slept with his father's wife

Narrated By Al-Bara' ibn Azib: I met my uncle who was carrying a standard. I asked him: Where are you going? He said: The Apostle of Allah (ﷺ) has sent me to a man who has married his father's wife. He has ordered me to cut off his head and take his property. [Abu Dawud 4442, Nisai 3334]

HOW DID JEWS END UP IN YEMEN?
-in Medina there used to be three Jewish tribes and some Yemeni traders used to pass by median and embraced Judaism
-the rabbis sent some people to teach them, this is how the Jews ended up in Yemen

Narrated By Ibn Abbas: When the Prophet sent Muadh to Yemen, he said to him, "You are going to a nation from the people of the Scripture, so let the first thing to which you will invite them, be the Tauhid of Allah. If they learn that, tell them that Allah has enjoined on them, five prayers to be offered in one day and one night. And if they pray, tell them that Allah has enjoined on them Zakat of their properties and it is to be taken from the rich among them and given to the poor. And if they agree to that, then take from them Zakat but avoid the best property of the people." [Sahih Bukhari, Vol 9, Book 93, Hadith #469]

<u>THE PEOPLE OF THE DITCH</u>

Cursed were the people of the ditch (the story of the Boy and the King). (4) Fire supplied (abundantly) with fuel, (5) When they sat by it (fire), (6) And they witnessed what they were doing against the believers (i.e. burning them). (7) They had nothing against them, except that they believed in Allah, the All-Mighty, Worthy of all Praise! (8) (Al-Buruj 85:1-8)

-a king dug a ditch and dumped the believers inside of it, this king was a Jew
-and the believers he dumped were Christians who embraced Islam when the boy was killed
-this king was suffering from megalomania
-and he had nothing against the believers except that they believed in Allah سبحانه وتعالىٰ

So Amr ibn Luhai introduced paganism to the Arabs
-after they were practicing monotheism from Ishmael